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Artist Brady Legler Launches a Fine-Jewelry Collection

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At 24 years old, **Brady Legler**, a student at New York's Parsons the New School for Design, is already making a name for himself with his bright abstract paintings, which are selling for thousands of dollars—and now he has launched a collection of equally striking fine jewelry. Legler cites his Italian grandmother's elegant style as the inspiration for his new range of sleek contemporary jewels. A fashion model from the 1940s to the 1960s, she was "definitely ahead of her time," says Legler, with a "simple, streamlined style." When she died six years ago, leaving behind a treasure trove of costume jewelry, Legler reworked her pieces as mementos. He eventually began to craft his own original designs, which in turn led him to create a collection of 18-karat-gold and diamond pieces ranging from \$1,100 to \$18,000. The collection includes innovative ideas like a double-band ring Legler





jokingly refers to as his "subway ring," which allows the wearer to reveal two rows of diamonds, but the band rotates to display a simple black-enamel surface instead when understatement is preferred. And tools from his other artistic occupation—paintbrushes and pencils—inspired diamond-studded earrings in similar shapes. Legler is already working on his next project, a collection of modernist rugs that are set to debut early this year. (310.892.4956, www.bradylegler.com)

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